

ALLEN RETURNS TO THE WORK HE LOVES MOST

So Characterizes Plan To Leave Patent Office.

"It is merely a return to the work I love most of all," said Frederick I. Allen, Commissioner of Patents, when referring to his resignation this morning and his intention to resume the practice of law in New York city after June 1. "I have never intended to retire permanently from what I regard as my life work," Mr. Allen added. "For more than a year I have had the matter under consideration, and have been receiving offers from a New York firm which I shall assist in reorganizing, and of which I will be senior partner when I return to that city. The call of my old love finally became too strong, and I have resigned."

Commissioner Since April, 1901.

Mr. Allen has been Commissioner of Patents since April 1, 1901, his administration having been of most satisfactory one to those higher in authority. In fact, it is understood the President has insisted that he complete the work of reform inaugurated under his regime, and that this has been one of the causes of the delay in his resignation, which he has desired to hand in for some months.

Prior to Mr. Allen's assumption of office the Patent Office had suffered numerous losses in petty thefts from the incoming letters containing fees. This was one of the first evils remedied by the new commissioner, and after the discharge and arrest of several formerly trusted employees the robberies ceased. Another reform has been the revolution in the working force of the office. When taking charge all work was in arrears. Mr. Allen required that the work be brought up to date, and it has been kept so ever since.

Duties Were Judicial.

Mr. Allen stated this morning that his principal duties seem judicial in character, in that he had a regular court docket, and sits in judgment on disputed patent claims almost daily. Appeals from his decisions go direct to the Court of Appeals.

"This experience has been particularly valuable to me," he said, "and I have enjoyed the work here purely from a professional standpoint. Yes, I believe I can make more money as a patent lawyer than as a patent judge, and will be absolutely free to come and go as I please."

Mr. Allen will attend to the patent practice of the new law firm, the name of which he did not care to divulge as yet. He has a record of nineteen years as a practitioner in New York before accepting his present position.

BASS SINGER NOW TENOR BY PARALYTIC STROKE

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 27.—As the result of a stroke of paralysis, Frank Olsen, one of the finest singers in Des Moines, has experienced a complete change of voice.

Formerly possessing a deep, rich bass, he now sings a clear, high tenor as easily as he once reached the lower notes. Ten days ago Olsen suffered a slight shock in his left side. Yesterday he called attention to the condition of his voice.

Secretary John Eversman Proves Himself a Hero

Extinguished Bad Fire in Woman's Dress.

John Eversman, private secretary to Representative William B. McKinley of Illinois, figured as a hero from last night on the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company's steamer Washington on its trip from Norfolk to Washington, crowded with people returning to the Capital from the Jamestown Exposition.

A woman's dress caught fire, and Mr. Eversman extinguished the blaze, burning his hands severely and, in all probability, saving the woman's life.

Mr. Eversman was seated on the upper deck near the stern of the boat when the odor of something burning was detected. The gentlemen present got up to seek the cause of the odor, urged to this action by the fact that smoke was visible.

Suddenly the dress of an old lady nearby burst into flames, the fire reaching nearly to her hair. Eversman, with rare presence of mind, realizing the imminent danger to which the woman stood, sprang to her side and grasped the flaming skirts in his bare hands. He succeeded in extinguishing the fire, but only after his hands had been badly burned.



JOHN EVERSMAN, Who Was Badly Burned While Extinguishing Fire in Woman's Dress.

MRS. HELLINGS

LIKELY TO DIE

Doctors at the Emergency Hospital said this morning that the condition of Mrs. Hattie R. Hellings, fifty-four years of age, an employee of the Government Printing Office, who was found unconscious yesterday morning in her room on the third floor of the lodging house at 925 New York avenue northwest, was critical. The woman is still in a comatose state, and but little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. Hellings, who is suffering from a stroke of apoplexy, was stricken late Thursday night. Mrs. Helen G. Chapman, who occupied an adjoining room, heard Mrs. Hellings fall about 11 o'clock Thursday night. Yesterday she was found lying face downward on the floor.

It was thought that the marks on her face, breast, and hands are bruises which she sustained by falling to the floor.

TRIAL OF HARGIS SET FOR MAY 7

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 27.—The trial of Judge James Hargis, Senator Alex. Hargis, Sheriff Ed. Callahan, and Jesse Spicer, all charged with the assassination of James Cockrell, in July, 1902, will be called here May 7. This was announced this morning.

They intended at first to ask for a continuance, but since the jury, trying "Bill Britton for the same killing, could not agree, the accused are anxious for the trial now.

MASONIC NIGHT DRAWS CROWDS; COFFERS FILL UP

Members of Order Help to Fill Convention Hall and Make Merry.

Masons of the highest rank flocked to the Masonic fair in Convention Hall last night and were given a rousing welcome by President B. F. Smith and the 200 or more earnest workers, who have made the carnival such a pronounced success. April showers outside and a oppressive heat inside did not affect the general public, and it is estimated that 8,000 or 10,000 persons passed the turnstiles and took a voice in almost everything in the booth.

All the officers of the Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons, and Scottish Rites Masons were escorted to the speakers' stand and seated in the honor row. The officers were Grand Commander William F. Hunt, Knights Templar, Grand High Priest Claude P. King, Royal Arch, and Francis J. Woodman, thirty-third degree of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite.

Address of Welcome.

President Smith delivered an address of welcome in which he told of the principle temples erected since the beginning of the Christian era, and said it was no less important in the Masonic fraternity to build and dedicate temples as to diffuse the sacred principles of love, charity, and truth.

Grand Commander Hunt, High Priest Claude King, and Deputy Woodman responded in complimentary terms and praised the work of the lodges conducting the fair.

All the booths did a land-office business, and the barker was never silent for a consecutive sixty seconds. The pretty flower girls plumed many dollars' worth of blossoms on the coats of blushing youths and gallant white-haired men. Many visitors drew groceries, crockery, china, and embroidery work. But W. W. Walton, of Columbia No. 2, had the good fortune and coveted honor of squeezing the prize pig.

Ten dollars was donated to Columbia Commandery booth by William F. Hunt, Deputy, and A. T. Weber was given an antique watch charm at Federal booth.

The ice cream and lemonade booth in charge of Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dodd, assistants, is doing money, and the delicacies dispensed there are relished by all. No one thinks of leaving the fair without strolling up to the ice cream balcony, where refreshments are served and an excellent view of the entire hall can be had.

"Runners" For Booths.

Through the hall last night Spanish dancers, clowns, pseudo musicians, high-hat gentlemen and daintily costumed glee girls flitted in and out of the crowd. They had nothing to sell, but were merely attracting attention to the booths, where they invariably stopped. Every booth was very visible, but the element of chance and uncertainty at the paddle booths attract an unusual crowd. Many visitors have been getting down heavy on the automobile and brick house, and some one will be agreeably surprised when the chief prizes are awarded.

"Look here, now!" commands the man with the fog-horn voice and megaphone, "we're giving you an automobile for 5 cents, a half a dime." This fetches the crowd, and the vote-takers are swamped.

The motion-picture machine is grinding out dollars at every revolution, and the curiosity tent is always crowded.

BALLOON TRIP FROM ST. LOUIS TO WASHINGTON

Start Will Be Made Today or Tomorrow, the Weather Permitting.

Barring unfavorable weather conditions, the longest balloon trip on record will be attempted from St. Louis this afternoon or tomorrow, in the interest of the advancement of the Signal Service of the army, Washington, as the Nation's Capital, will be the destination of the aeronauts.

Capt. Charles de F. Chandler, of the Signal Corps, stationed in this city, has gone to the Mount City, where he arrived early this morning. Captain McCoy, of New York, a member of the contest committee of the Aero Club of America, has been in St. Louis for several days, setting his balloon and making the necessary arrangements for the flight.

Captain McCoy will use the 78,000 cubic feet capacity balloon with which he made the successful ascension in this city, for the benefit of the army on February 22. Captain McCoy is a believer in the practicality of the ordinary gas balloon for signal work, and it was at his invitation that Captain Chandler was detailed by the War Department for the observation and instruction.

Captain Chandler is a member of the Aero Club, and, with Major Reber, of the general staff, he made successful ascensions at Pittsfield, Mass., last summer. There was an element of danger at Pittsfield, being too near the sea, which will be absent at St. Louis.

If the National Capital is reached, it will be the longest aerial trip on record, and doubtless will take two days or more above earth. The experiment is being watched with considerable interest on the part of army officers, in view of the possibility of the balloon becoming a part of the army equipment in the future.

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